Government propose to construct airports with a view to promote tourism in Maharashtra; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The National Airports Authority has no plan to construct any new airport in Maharashtra.

(b) The traffic potential, commercial viability of the operations, availability of resources and their deployment, fleet availability and plan of operation of scheduled airlines, and other such factors relevant to the construction of a new airport do not permit the possibility of a new airport being taken up for construction in Maharashtra in the near future.

LPG Agencies, Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets in Andhra Pradesh

5536. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to allot more LPG agencies and petrol/diesel retail outlets in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of the places; district-wise and company-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). New petrol/diesel dealerships and LPG distributorships are opened in different places as per Marketing Plans and policy from time to time.

Agency for ground Handling Equipment at Airports

5537. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot have separate ground handling equipments in the Airports:

(b) whether there is any proposal to constitute a single agency to handle ground equipment for all the airlines; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Power Projects with World Bank Assistance

5538. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank officials recently held any discussion with the Union Government regarding power projects; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During these discussions the progress of World Bank aided projects in the

power sector as well as the prospects of further lending were generally reviewed.

Doubling of Tumkur-Bangalore Railway Line

5539. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy traffic between Tumkur and Bangalore; and

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme to double this route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Oil Refinery in West Bengal

5540. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a grass roots oil refinery in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Completion of Metro and Circular Railway in Calcutta

5541. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since fixed up a time schedule for the completion of Metro Railway and Circular Railway in Calcutta;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c).

(i) Metro Railway:

Completion schedule of this project depends upon acquisition of the remaining plots of land by the State Govt. and availability of funds in the coming years.

(ii) Circular Railway:

Calcutta Circular Railway from Dum Dum to Princep Ghat has already been completed and commissioned for traffic on 17-6-90.

Doubling of Track Line Between Barasat and Duttapukur

5542. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pace of implementation of doubling of the track between Barasat to Duttapukur and in the Sealdah-Bongaon Section has remained very slow, even after necessary budgetary allocations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The progress as on 30th